



Dynamic Weasel sharpens force

By Tarsha Storey

20th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

SHAW AIR FORCE BASE, S.C.— The exercise Operation Dynamic Weasel took place here Dec. 2 and involved aircraft from multiple bases and first-time challenges.

The exercise was designed to sharpen tactics, techniques and procedural skills while practicing for combat situations, said Maj. Anthony Roberson, 20th Operations Support Squadron director of operations. It simulated combat operations taking place in Southwest Asia.

It also combined the abilities of the F-16CJ, B-1, B-2, A-10, F-15E, E-3, RC-135 and KC-10 in a diverse threat environment. The participating aircraft were from Dyess, McGuire, Pope, Seymour Johnson, Shaw, Offutt, Tinker and Whiteman Air Force bases and McEntire Air National Guard Station.

During the exercise, Maj. Roberson said there was a unique Link-16 large force employment involving all aircraft. The Link-16 is a tactical digital information link integrated in the F-16.

This was the first time a B-2 participated in a Link-16 exercise, said Maj. Roberson.

"This was incredibly important to the 509th Bomb Wing's mission," said Lt. Col. Christopher Harness, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron.

"It highlighted the newest B-2 capability: Link-16. This capability will provide the B-2 the ability to participate in net-centric operations. We will be able to share information with every aircraft and ground station equipped with this capability."

Operation Dynamic Weasel saw the first block 50 F-16 operational evaluation of the Fighter Aircraft Command and Control Enhancement pods. The FACE pods allow beyond-the-line-of-sight communications via a system using a satellite phone, a receiver and transmitter, said Capt. Tim Sehnem, 20th OSS counter land programs chief.

During the exercise, multiple units engaged with aircraft, while several other Shaw squadrons provided support. The units included the 609th Combat Operations Squadron, Training Air Operations Center, 609th Air Intelligence Squadron, 682nd Air Support Operations Squadron tactical air controllers and the 20th Fighter Wing Operations Center.

There was also an integration of the air operations center, air support operations center and the airborne command and control. "An objective (of the exercise) was to achieve battle space effects in accordance with combined force air component commander airlift operations directives and air tasking orders," said Maj. Roberson.

The combined force air component commander for the exercise was Col. Michael Beale, 20th Fighter Wing vice commander.

Maj. Roberson said the simulated threat environment includes Shaw's airspace and Poinsett's electronic combat and gunnery ranges, the Gamecock and Bulldog military operations areas as well as the refueling tracks in the over-water and over-land airspaces.

"This exercise (tested and further developed) our abilities as fighters and Airmen, by placing our force within a simulated dynamic combat situation. It also (allowed) us to integrate operations and apply technology to war fighting," said Col. Bill Hyatt, 20th Fighter Wing commander. (*Airman 1st Class Jason Burton contributed to this story.*)

Ice pop and chilly child



Photo by Staff Sgt. Neo Martin

Staff Sgt. Chad Obermiller, 509th Contracting Squadron, walks his son, Andrew, from the child development center Wednesday. Whiteman received its first taste of winter weather, which resulted in an early release. Inclement weather was also the cause of the late reporting day Thursday. Base members are reminded to dress themselves and family members for inclement weather and to allow more driving time when traveling. For more winter weather information see Pages 19-20.

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Air Force Quiz

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Air Force Quiz answer

COMMENTARY

Commander's Corner

By Brig. Gen. Chris Miller
509th Bomb Wing commander

WINTER WONDERLAND

— Yes, it is still Fall ... but we're seeing some winter weather. This is a time for extra caution ... dress warmly when you travel, particularly after dark, because a breakdown can lead to frostbite or hypothermia. Snow storms can be beautiful, but hitting a patch of ice and losing control of your vehicle can be deadly (or cost a lot of money). And—as anyone who's driven a 4x4 vehicle in snow knows ... 4-wheel drive helps you go, but it's no better at stopping ... so allow some extra distance and anticipate! Keep your pets indoors, pay close attention to local weather reports and visit Whiteman's public Web site (<http://www.whiteman.af.mil/>) to stay on top of current reporting times. Check out Pages 18 and 19 in this week's paper for some cold weather tips to help you and your loved ones keep warm.

READY TO RESPOND —

This week we practiced and prepared ourselves to deal with some very tough challenges. On Tuesday, we exercised our ability to respond to an off-base aircraft crash, and Wednesday we exercised our anti-terrorism measures during a simulated on-base disturbance. I saw a lot of professionalism in handling these back-to-back exercise scenarios! People were focused on the things they needed to be and treated the exercise like it was the real thing. That's the key to success in an exercise, but more importantly, it helps us work better as a team to deal with challenges whenever and however they arise. Thanks for your hard work, despite the cold weather, and for making this training productive.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Neo Martin



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Burton

Airman 1st Class Timothy Stanford, 509th Bomb Wing, organizes boxes of cookies for the cookies for Airmen program. Whiteman members were able to make, sort and distribute more than 520 bags of cookies for Airmen who lived in the dorms.

A nation at war ... remember and prepare

By Lt. Col. Charles Douglass

509th Security Force Squadron commander

The world we wake up in every day has changed dramatically since Sept. 11, 2001.

You wouldn't know it this morning, though ... I woke up, showered, shaved and grabbed breakfast before coming to work behind a desk.

There was a line of cars outside the gate and once I got on base, I saw people had their lunch boxes and reflective belts as they walked the same walkways they have covered for years. But things have forever changed.

Gen. Peter Pace, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, clearly stated how much we have changed when he sent out his guidance to the Joint Staff this October: "We are at war against an enemy who (has) publicly reiterated their intent is to destroy our way of life."

This statement is similar to others made by leaders of our country. I am asking you today to stop for a moment and think about how serious our enemy in the war on terror is about killing us and our way of life.

I witnessed this first hand when on Sept. 11, 2001, I was a few hundred feet from where a Boeing 757 loaded with people was crashed into the Pentagon.

I will never forget the looks on the faces of the victims we pulled out of the

building and the people who had stopped their cars on the highway nearby and walked toward the Pentagon with tears streaming down their faces. I will never forget how I woke up that day, showered, shaved and grabbed breakfast before coming to work behind a desk. There was a line of cars outside the Pentagon and people with their lunchboxes walking the walkways they had covered for years.

Things have changed, and although here in central Missouri on most days life seems the same as before Sept. 11, it is not.

Many of you reading this have a husband, wife or friend either serving in the U.S. Central Command area or about to go there. Many of you participate often in exercises to hone our skills in case we have to take the fight overseas or the fight, like on Sept. 11, is brought to us. Life is not the same; we are a nation at war.

Gen. T. Michael Moseley, the Air Force Chief of Staff, summarized the nature of this war and how different it is from past conflicts in an Oct. 11 speech:

"And it's my sense that we will be in a global war on terrorism for our lifetime. This is a long war. It will ebb and flow. We will deal with this at various levels. We will deal with this as a joint team. We will deal with this as a Coalition team, as international partners...But nonetheless, we are truly a country at war. Our republic

is at risk."

My points are simple but important — remember and prepare.

Stop for a moment today, and over the next few weeks, and remember we are a nation at war. We have an enemy who is determined. We were attacked Sept. 11, 2001, and even though the front lines in this war are miles from home for now, as men and women in uniform, it is as in other wars our job to fight on those front lines.

As we are entering the Christmas season, remember daily our comrades who are fighting today on those front lines and their loved ones here at home.

Stop for a moment today, and over the next few weeks, and prepare because we are a nation at war. We have an enemy who is determined and we must have equal resolve because our Republic is at risk. Prepare by making sure you are ready if you get called to fight here at home or far away.

Make sure you pay close attention at the Ready to Deploy Training, as you work on your aircraft, at the new Self Aid and Buddy Care or when you qualify with your weapon. Make sure you conduct a daily check of your surroundings, here in central Missouri because, our determined enemy would love to bring the front lines to us.

And most importantly, because we are a nation at war, stop for a moment and cherish your loved ones during this season.



Newsline

Colonel selectees announced

Three Whiteman members were selected for promotion to the rank of Colonel. They are Lt. Cols. **Thomas Bussiere**, 13th Bomb Squadron, **Casey Hughson**, 509th Maintenance Group, and **Cheryl Thompson**, 509th Bomb Wing.

ALS retreat

The next Airman Leadership School sponsored wing retreat ceremony will be 4 p.m. today, at the base flag pole outside Bldg. 509.

More briefings

Due to a high demand in pre-deployment briefings, the briefings will be held from 1 p.m.-2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays through Dec. 16, at the family support center.

No appointments are necessary. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

For more details, call Tech. Sgt. Karen Simpson at 687-7132.

Soil testing in Lakeview housing

There will be soil testing starting Monday in the Lakeview housing area. Access to homes will not be required and traffic flow interruption is not expected.

For more details, contact Mike Roberts at 687-4229 or Alan Olas at 687-4417.

AADD saves lives

The following Airmen Against Drunk Driving volunteers helped save 43 lives during November:

Airman 1st Class Timothy Canfora, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Airman 1st Class Anna Cole, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron

Senior Airman Priscilla Harden, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Cendy Mascrier, 509th LRS

2nd Lt. Jessica Mates, 509th Operations Support Squadron

2nd Lt. Mary Olsen, 509th Bomb Wing

Capt. Kathleen O'Neil, 509th Mission Support Squadron

Master Sgt. Ed Perreault, 509th Security Forces Squadron

Master Sgt. Linda Price, 442nd Fighter Wing

Staff Sgt. Alan Reynolds, 509th Communications Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Shannon Robbins, 509th MSS

Staff Sgt. Gricelda Rubio, Det. 12, Air Combat Command Training Support Squadron

Airman 1st Class Kathryn Thompson, 509th Medical Operations Squadron

2nd Lt. Justine Wells, 509th Comptroller Squadron

Airman 1st Class Jonathan White, 509th Maintenance Squadron

To become an AADD volunteer or for a safe ride home if your plans fall through, call 687-RIDE or 888-516-0013.

AADD volunteers needed

Whiteman members interested in joining Airmen Against Drunk Driving can attend a training class 3:30 p.m. today or 3:30 p.m. Dec. 9 at the medical clinic, room 1212.

The class normally lasts 20-30 minutes and those interested are encouraged to R.S.V.P.

For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Paul Hankins, 509th Medical Operations Squadron, at 687-4891.

Airmen awarded Army medals

SFS troops perform exceptionally during deployment, earn merits

By Staff Sgt. Rob Hazelett
Public Affairs

Two Airmen from the 509th Security Forces Squadron earned Army Commendation medals for their actions while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from September 2004 to March 2005.

Senior Airmen Simone Hurd and Bobbi Mead distinguished themselves by outstanding service during a time of hostilities in the 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, Ali Base, Iraq.

"This is the largest base anywhere in the world in a combat zone being guarded solely by Air Force security forces personnel," said Lt. Col. Charles Douglass, 509th SFS commander.

"We are truly in a joint and combined environment we never would have envisioned before 9-11. In this case you had Security Forces troops assigned to an Air Force mission, under Air Force command guarding a combined coalition and U.S. installation of over 10,000 people."

A watchful warrior

Airman Hurd, who served as a radio telephone operator and fire team member, was recognized for her immeasurable contribution to the successful defense of the largest Air Base in Iraq.

"It seemed like every time we went off base to do our mobile or foot patrols there would be a local sheep herder who would flag us down and report that they had found an unexploded object," said Airman Hurd, an armed response team member assigned to the 509th SFS.

"At first it was nerve wracking because I didn't know if we were too close to the UXO, or if a sheep herder was going to walk over one, but it became routine after a while," she said.

Airman Hurd also called for medical assistance for an Iraqi local national boy



Courtesy photo

Lt. Col Charles Douglass, commander 509th Security Forces Squadron, presents Army commendation medals to Senior Airmen Bobbi Mead (left) and Simone Hurd for their part in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

who had suffered a shrapnel wound to the face.

She said the Italian military, who responded to her call, located the shrapnel embedded near his eye and showed her how to care for him. The boy was responsive and she watched over him at her post until his father came to pick him up.

"I am surprised that the Army would recognize me," she said. "It feels really good."

Wanting to do more

Airman Mead distinguished herself by conducting deliberate mounted and dismounted combat and reconnaissance patrols as a fire team member in the 407th ESFS.

"Deliberate mounted patrols were done by vehicles outside the wire," said Airman Mead an armed response team member assigned to the 509th SFS.

"One night we received intelligence

that some Iraqi local nationals were near the base. So we dismounted, went on a couple mile foot-patrol and located some items like rocket propelled grenades and land mines that the explosive ordnance team later detonated."

Airman Mead's aggressive exterior patrolling was key in discovering five individuals attempting to breach the base perimeter.

"We don't want people coming onto the installation who could be planting explosives," she said. "My job was to contain them and hand them over to the Iraqi police."

Although the situation could have escalated, Airman Mead said she remembered to follow a good rule of thumb: approach all individuals with caution.

"I feel proud about being awarded the medal," Airman Mead said. "But I will always remember the poor living conditions of the Iraqi people. I wish there was more we could have done for them."

Defense Travel System gets updates

By Airman 1st Class
Mary Bryan
509th Comptroller Squadron

The Defense Travel System is changing.

Beginning Dec. 19 user/travelers will notice many changes to the web based system caused by the new update "Monroe Release."

Dec. 16-18, the Monroe Release will be implemented, making DTS unavailable for those days.

Orders for travel during that time should be completed prior to the system being down. Orders will not be done outside DTS.

Some of the changes will facilitate the pre-audit flags, group travel, constructive travel and the per diem entitlements screen.

Pre-audit flags with expense thresholds will be replaced with

advisory notices.

Justification by the traveler won't be needed any longer. For example, in the past "excess baggage \$75" would flag and require justification. This will no longer occur.

Group travel arrangements can now be done in DTS after Monroe.

Manifests with all traveler information can be printed for military air requirements.

Teams of people who frequently travel together can be created. These teams will simplify the order process.

Constructive travel will be a new addition that will be used when travelers drive to their TDY location.

Once the member claims

mileage to the TDY location, a flag will be created and the member will be prompted to fill out a comparison worksheet.

The per diem entitlements screen that lays out every TDY day will be moved to a more obvious location and available from the top menu.

The Finance Office will be providing a detailed briefing highlighting the new changes in DTS for all Organizational Defense Travel Administrators and DTS Approving Officials.

This briefing will take place 10 a.m. Monday, in Bldg. 509 in the Spirit conference room.

For specifics on how these changes will affect your unit, please contact your ODTA.

Fast Facts

Visit the Defense Travel System at www.defensetravel.osd.mil

Oustanding CDC end of course scores

90 - Airman 1st Class Timothy Solorio, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Senior Airman Craig Meyer, 509th Munitions Squadron.

Airman 1st Class Andrew Bonney, 509th Security Forces Squadron.

92 - Airman 1st Class Justin Jackson, 509th CES.

Airman 1st Class Juan Robles, 509th Munitions Squadron.

93 - Airman 1st Class Jonathan White, 509th Maintenance Squadron.

96 - Staff Sgt. Travis Adank, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

SFS shares holiday season *DOs* and *DON'Ts*

By Jerry Osban

509th Security Forces Squadron

Winter holidays are a time for celebration. Homes and malls spill over with gift displays. Distracted shoppers rush around, stressed out and careless, carrying too many packages. Homes are left empty in the great homeward-bound holiday migration.

This holiday season, don't let the holiday spirit move you to leaving your home and your wallet open to opportunistic thieves.

Dos

Stay alert and be aware of what is going on around you.

Park in a well-lit area, close the windows and lock the car.

Keep your purse close to your body, not dangling loosely. Put your wallet in your front pants pocket or in an inside coat pocket.

Teach children to go to a store clerk or security guard if they get separated.

When shopping online, use common sense to protect against fraud or ID theft.

Familiarize yourself with the rules and policies of online stores and auction sites.

Only shop with companies you know, and make sure that the site complies with industry security standards.

Lock gifts purchased during lunch in a safe place.

Always keep your keys and wallet with you. Secure purses, wallets or other valuables in a locked drawer or cabinet.

Criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts. Ask for identification and call their main office to verify their employment.

It's not uncommon for people to try to take advantage of others' generosity during the holidays by going door to door for charitable donations when there's no charity involved. Ask for identification and how the funds will be used. Help a charitable organization you trust and respect instead.

The holidays are a good time to update or start an inventory of your home.

Take photos or make videos of items and list descriptions and serial numbers.

Having a detailed inventory can help identify stolen items and make insurance claims easier to file.



Don'ts

Don't shop 'til you drop.

Don't leave packages and boxes visible through car windows. Lock them in the trunk or take them directly home.

Don't carry large amounts of cash. Pay with checks or credit cards whenever possible.

Don't get overburdened with packages; always keep one hand free.

Do not respond to requests for your password or credit card information unless you initiate the transaction. Keep your personal information private, and keep your password secure.

Make sure you don't invite crime home for the holidays.

Never display gifts where they can be seen through windows or doors.

Don't make your office a target for crooks looking for extra holiday cash.

Don't be embarrassed to challenge unfamiliar faces in the office.

Don't announce that you are leaving town during the holidays. Don't offer information about co-workers' plans to callers.

When you travel, take common sense along

Always lock doors and windows when you leave, even for a few minutes.

Stop all mail and suspend all deliveries, or arrange for a trusted neighbor to take in your mail, newspapers and other deliveries.

Use timer lights to make your house look lived in.

Stay alert to people and activities around you.

Don't leave packages, luggage, cameras, or purses in the car where they can be seen.

Use credit cards or traveler's checks instead of cash.

Put valuables in the hotel safe. Don't try to hide them: if you found it, so will a thief.

Always lock balcony doors.

Keep a list of phone numbers of credit card companies, so it is easier to call and cancel and report the cards as lost or stolen.

For further information please feel free to contact Mr. Osban in the Resource Protection/Crime Prevention Office at 687-4482.

DOD announces new traumatic injury protection

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The Department of Defense recently announced the implementation of traumatic injury protection insurance under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program as enacted by section 1032 of Public Law 109-13.

The program, which will be known as TSGLI, is designed to provide financial assistance to servicemembers during their recovery period from a serious traumatic injury.

On Dec. 1, all members eligible for SGLI became insured for traumatic injury protection of up to \$100,000 unless they decline SGLI. A flat monthly premium of \$1 will be added to the monthly SGLI deduction, regardless of the amount of SGLI coverage the member has elected effective Dec. 1.

TSGLI is not disability compensation and has no effect on entitlement for compensation and pension benefits provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs or disability benefits provided by the Department of Defense. It is an insurance product similar to commercial dismemberment policies.

TSGLI provides money for a loss due to a specific traumatic event while disability compensation is intended to provide ongoing financial support to make up for the loss in income-earning potential due to service-connected injuries.

The retroactive provision of PL 109-13 says any servicemember who suffers a qualifying loss between Oct. 7, 2001, and Dec. 1, 2005, will receive a benefit under the TSGLI if the loss was a direct result of injuries incurred in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Department of Defense developed this program in close coordination with the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness will monitor implementation with the services and make necessary adjustments if required.

For more information, contact Clyde Collins at 687-6434 or the military personnel flight customer service at 687- 6427.

Standard federal ID to replace common access cards

By Army Sgt. Sara Wood

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFP) — A new, standardized identification card is being developed for all federal employees.

The new card will replace the common access cards that military personnel, government civilians and contractors now hold, said Mary Dixon, deputy director of the Defense Manpower Data Center.

The new cards will look much the same as CACs, with a few changes, Mrs. Dixon said. The color scheme will differ and more information will be in the card, she said.

The added information will be a biometric of two fingerprints, to be used for identification purposes, and a string of numbers that will allow physical access to buildings, Mrs. Dixon said.

The biggest change will be the addition of wireless technology, which will allow the cards to be read by a machine from a short distance away, Mrs. Dixon said. This will make the new cards much easier to use for access to buildings than CACs, which must be swiped through a reader, she said.

The new cards themselves will not be enough to grant access to all federal buildings, Mrs. Dixon said. Rather, they will be checked against each building's database to determine if an individual has access.



A prototype of the new card is being developed and will be finalized in the next couple of months, Mrs. Dixon said. The cards are scheduled to be issued starting in October 2006 to all military personnel, government civilians and qualified contractors.

In the Defense Department, all employees should have the new cards within three and a half years, she said.

A timeline has not been set for the rest of the federal government.

700 plus Airmen face retraining into new specialties

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The Noncommissioned Officer Retraining Program Phase II, which started Nov. 18 and continues until retraining targets are met, will involuntarily retrain up to 777 active-duty Airmen.

Enlisted retraining staff personnel at the Air Force Personnel Center here will place Phase II involuntary retraining candidates into Air Force specialties to help balance the enlisted force.

"This phase of the retraining program is necessary to help meet the needs of the Air Force by moving Airmen from career fields with manning surpluses to those experiencing shortages," said Tech. Sgt. Catina Johnson-Roscoe, NCO in charge of Air Force Enlisted Retraining.

In Phase I of the program, Air Force officials notified more than 3,000 Airmen selected as vulnerable to retrain and asked them to submit their choices of shortage career fields they would most like to retrain into. Of that number, AFPC approved nearly 300 Airmen to change career fields or separate.

"The Air Force makes every effort

to place Airmen through the voluntary retraining phase, a program that allows Airmen to apply for their preferred career field choices," said Chief Master Sgt. Christine Williams, chief of the AFPC skills management branch.

"Now, during the involuntary phase, we must place the overage Airmen in the remaining shortage AFSCs to best position enlisted manpower to meet Air Force mission requirements."

For those retraining selectees, the enlisted retraining staff will work with each Airman to make the transition as smooth as possible for the Airman and his or her family while still meeting the needs of the Air Force, according to Sergeant Johnson-Roscoe.

Vulnerability listings by grade and Air Force Specialty Code will be updated weekly on AFPC's Web site starting Dec. 1 at <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlskills/retraining/retraining.htm>.

For more information about the program, people can the military personnel flight customer service at 687-6427 or the retraining office at 687-4816.



Fire safety during the holidays

Each year fires occurring during the holiday season injure 2,600 individuals and cause more than \$930 million in damage.

According to the United States Fire Administration, there are simple life-saving steps that can be taken to ensure a safe and happy holiday.

By following some of the outlined precautionary tips, individuals can greatly reduce their chances of becoming a holiday fire casualty.

Preventing holiday tree fires

Selecting a tree for the holiday— Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches, and the needle should not break if the tree has been freshly cut.

The trunk should be sticky to the touch. Old trees can be identified by bouncing the tree trunk on the ground.

If many needles fall off, the tree has been cut too long, has probably dried out, and is a fire hazard.

Caring for a tree— Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent.

The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks.

Be careful not to drop or

flick cigarette ashes near a tree.

Do not put a live tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.

Disposing of a tree— Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or wood burning stove.

When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly. The best way to dispose of a tree is by taking it to a recycling center or having it hauled away by a community pick-up service.

Holiday lights

Maintaining holiday lights— Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up.

Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory.

Do not overload electrical outlets— Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe.

Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet.

Make sure to periodically check the wires - they should not be warm to the touch.

Do not leave holiday lights on unattended.

Holiday decorations

All decorations should be nonflammable or flame-retardant and placed away from heat vents.

Wrapping paper should not be placed in a fireplace. It can throw off dangerous sparks and produce a chemical buildup in the home that could cause an explosion.

Artificial holiday trees, whether metallic or artificial trees, should be flame retardant.

Candle care

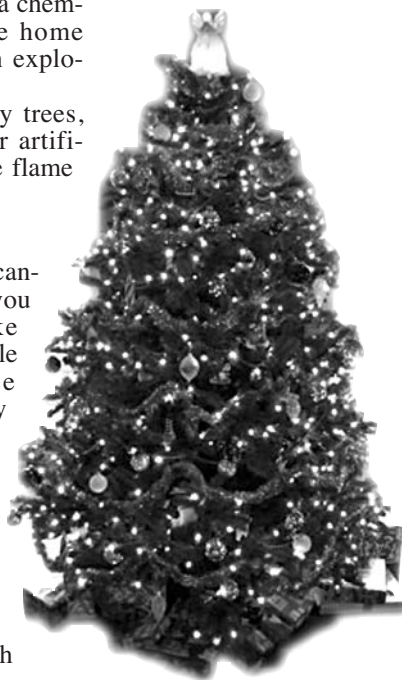
Avoid using lit candles. However, if you do use them, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down. Never leave the house with candles burning.

Avoid putting lit candles on a tree and do not go near a holiday tree with

an open flame - candles, lighters or matches.

Finally, as in every season, have working smoke alarms installed on every level of your home, test them monthly and keep them clean and equipped with fresh batteries at all times.

Know when and how to call for help. And remember to practice your home escape plan. *(Courtesy of the 509th Civil Engineer fire prevention office)*





MARE *Exercise tests Whiteman's crisis actions*

Members of the 509th Bomb Wing canvas a field for debris during the major accident response exercise Tuesday. One of the aspects of Tuesday's exercise tested the wing's ability to work off base in performance of their duties in crash recovery. In this case, locating debris is imperative to cataloging them for an investigation that would occur if this was a real-world incident. A national defense area was also put in place to safeguard the area.

Col. Connie Davis, 509th Mission Support Group commander and Lt. Col. John Anderson, 509th MSG deputy, discuss procedures during the major accident response exercise Tuesday. Air Force commanders are charged with responsibility for protecting Department of Defense resources under their control. That responsibility isn't limited to resources located on federal land under DoD jurisdiction, but applies to such resources wherever they are located, whether on or off a military installation. For the most part, commanders rely on federal, state, and local civil authorities to protect off-base assets. However, when civil authorities are unavailable, unable, or unwilling to provide protection, it may be necessary to establish a National Defense Area, thereby enabling direct military protection of the assets concerned.

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What's a National Defense Area?

What's a National NDA? An NDA is an area established by the Department of Defense (usually non-federal) lands located within the United States, its territories or possessions, for the purpose of safeguarding classified defense information or protecting DoD equipment and/or material.

Establishment of an NDA temporarily places the land concerned under the effective control of the DoD. An NDA can also be established on federal lands under the control of other federal agencies.

Commanders of Major Commands, numbered air forces, wings, groups, installations and designated "on-scene commanders" for major accident responses, all have authority to establish NDAs. Once established, the commander has authority and responsibility to define the boundary, mark it with an appropriate barrier, and post warning signs.

Capt. Summer Browning, 509th Bomb Wing assistant staff judge advocate, talks to mock reporters during the exercise Tuesday. While dealing with media on-scene officials must be sensitive to interests of the press, and should limit photography only as much as necessary to protect classified information. If photography is done from outside the NDA, the matter should be turned over to civilian authorities. If they are unable to assist, the commander or public affairs should contact the director of the news agency employing the offender, request return of the film suspected of containing classified information and explain that failure to return the film may constitute a violation of federal law.

Rules for establishing an NDA

NDAs may only be established in the United States, its possessions or territories.

NDAs may only be established under emergency situations such as aircraft crashes; emergency landings by aircraft carrying nuclear weapons; emergency diversions of military aircraft to civilian airports; and accidents involving nuclear weapons ground convoys. Planned rest stops are not emergencies.

The size, shape and location of the NDA must be reasonably related to what is needed to protect the resource concerned. The boundaries should be clearly defined, preferably by some form of temporary barrier, such as rope or wire. Warning signs should be posted at each entry control point and along the boundary.

To the extent possible, the consent and cooperation of the landowner should be sought when establishing an NDA. However, military necessity drives the location, size, and shape of an NDA, and it may be established without the owner's consent.

Because the NDA effectively deprives the landowner of the use of the property during the period the NDA is in existence, the Air Force may have to compensate the landowner for the temporary use of the property.

Enforcement

Commanders have the authority to prohibit entry into NDAs and to remove those who enter without authority, using the minimum force reasonably necessary to prevent violation of the NDA and to protect the DoD resources.

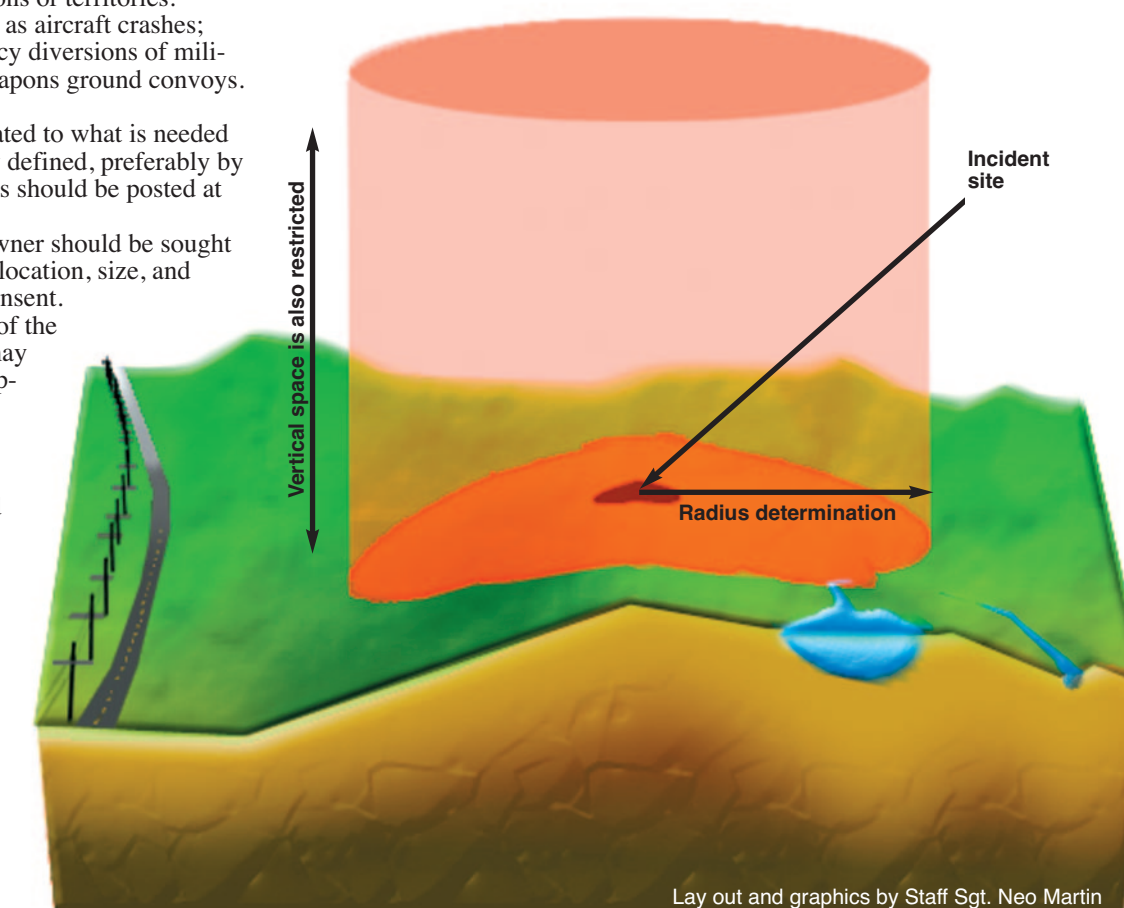
Apprehension of civilians who violate the NDA security should normally be done by civilian law enforcement.

If civil authorities can't or won't provide assistance, on-scene military personnel may detain civilian violators or trespassers and escort them from the NDA.

Civilians detained by military personnel should be released to proper civil authorities as quickly as possible — Actions should be coordinated with the servicing staff judge advocate.

Military action to detain civilian violators is limited to the NDA and the boundary area. Pursuit of civilian offenders by military authorities beyond the immediate area should be left to the responsibility of civil law enforcement authorities.

National Defense Area



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A member of the 509th Medical Group dons personal protective equipment prior to approaching the accident scene in the MARE Tuesday. Some of the first responder's roles are caring for wounded and ensuring the safety of people in and around accident sites.

Winter safety tips

With winter weather already affecting Whiteman, it is important base members know what to do to prepare for winter and the dangers it brings.

Before a winter storm hits

■ Learn the terms used by weather forecasters:

Freezing rain — Rain that freezes when it hits the ground, creating a coating of ice on roads, walkways, trees and power lines.

Sleet — Rain or snow that turns to ice pellets before reaching the ground. Sleet causes roads to freeze and become slippery.

Winter Storm Watch — This is issued by the National Weather Service when conditions are favorable for the development of hazardous weather elements, such as heavy snow or sleet, blizzard conditions, significant accumulations of freezing rain or drizzle, or any combination thereof.

Watches are usually issued 12 - 48 hours in advance of an event. Related watches are issued for the base by the 509th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight and must follow this criteria and desired lead times: Freezing precipitation (90 minutes), heavy snow (two inches or more in 12 hours, and 90 minutes), and blizzard conditions (90 minutes).

Winter Storm Warning — This is issued by the NWS when hazardous winter weather conditions are imminent or very likely, including any occurrence or combination of heavy snow, wind-driven snow, sleet, and freezing rain or drizzle. Winter storm warnings are usually issued for up to a 12-hour duration, but can be extended out to 24 hours if the situation warrants.

Blizzard Warning — This is issued by the NWS when sustained winds or frequent gusts are 35 miles per hour or greater, and considerable amounts of falling or blowing snow — reducing visibility to less than a quarter mile — are expected for three hours or longer. Blizzard warning criteria is the same for the base and the desired lead time is 90 minutes.

Frost Advisory or Freeze Warning — This is issued when below freezing temperatures are expected. The base doesn't have an equivalent advisory or warning.

■ Prepare to survive on your own for at least three days. Assemble a disaster supplies kit. Be sure to include winter-specific items such as rock salt to melt ice on walkways, sand to improve traction, snow shovels and other snow removal equipment. Keep a stock of food and extra drinking water.

■ Winterize your home to extend the life of your fuel supply.

◆ Insulate walls and attics.

◆ Weather-strip doors and windows.

◆ Install storm windows or cover windows with plastic.

■ Maintain a supply of medicines, water, and food needing no cooking or refrigeration for several days.

During a winter storm

■ Listen to your radio, television or NOAA Weather Radio for weather reports and emergency information.

Watches and warnings are issued for the base by the 509th OSS Weather Flight and are disseminated through the command nets, Local Weather Network System and by telephone through your chain of command.

■ Eat regularly and drink ample fluids, avoiding caffeine and alcohol.

■ Dress for the season:

◆ Wear several layers of loose fitting, lightweight, warm clothing rather than one layer of heavy clothing. The outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellent.

◆ Mittens are warmer than gloves.

◆ Wear a hat; most body heat is lost through the top of the head.

◆ Cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs.

■ Be careful when shoveling snow.

Overexertion can bring on a heart attack — a major cause of death in the winter.

■ Watch for signs of frostbite: loss of feeling, and white or pale appearance in fingers, toes, ear lobes or the tip of the nose. If symptoms are detected, get immediate medical help.

■ Watch for signs of hypothermia: uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness and apparent exhaustion. If symptoms of hypothermia are detected, get the victim to a warm location, remove any wet clothing, warm the center of the body first, and give warm, non-alcoholic beverages if the victim is conscious. Get medical help as soon as possible.

Winter driving

About 70 percent of winter deaths are related to snow and ice, and occur in automobiles. If you travel by car and if possible, travel in the day, don't travel alone, and keep others informed of your schedule. Stay on main roads; avoid back-road shortcuts.

■ Winterize your car — check the battery, antifreeze, wipers and windshield washer fluid, ignition system, thermostat, lights, flashing hazard lights, exhaust system, heater, brakes, defroster, oil level and tires. Keep your car's gas tank full.

■ If a blizzard traps you in your car:

◆ Pull off the highway. Turn on hazard lights and hang a distress flag from the radio antenna or window.

◆ Remain in your vehicle where rescuers are most likely to find you. Don't set out on foot unless you can see a building close by where you know you can take shelter.

Be careful: distances are distorted by blowing snow. A building may seem close, but is too far to walk to in deep snow.

◆ Run the engine and heater about 10 minutes each hour to keep warm. When the engine is running, open a window slightly for ventilation. This will protect you from possible carbon monoxide poisoning. You should periodically clear snow from the exhaust pipe.

◆ Exercise to maintain body heat, but avoid overexertion. In extreme cold, use road maps, seat covers and floor mats for insulation. Huddle with passengers and use your coat for a blanket.

◆ Take turns sleeping. One person should be awake at all times to look for rescue crews.

◆ Drink fluids to avoid dehydration.

◆ Don't waste battery power. Balance electrical energy needs with supply.

◆ At night, turn on the

inside light so rescuers can see you.

◆ If stranded in a remote area, stomp large block letters in an open area spelling out HELP or SOS, and line with rocks or tree limbs to attract the attention of rescuers who may be surveying the area by airplane.

◆ Once the blizzard passes, you may need to leave the car and proceed on foot.

(David Kehoe, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness Flight, and Maj. Corey Hummel, 509th OSS Weather Flight, provided information for this article.)

Fast Facts

■ Carry disaster supplies in the trunk of your car. This winter kit should include:

- ◆ Shovel
- ◆ Windshield scraper
- ◆ Battery-powered radio
- ◆ Flashlight
- ◆ Extra batteries
- ◆ Water
- ◆ Snack food
- ◆ Mittens
- ◆ Hat
- ◆ Blanket
- ◆ Tow chain or rope
- ◆ Tire chains
- ◆ Bag of road salt and sand
- ◆ Fluorescent distress flag
- ◆ Jumper or booster cables
- ◆ Road maps
- ◆ Emergency flares
- ◆ Cellular telephone

Bad weather battle plan

When the weather turns inclement get closure and delay information from these sources.

Clinton Radio

KLRQ (96.1 FM)
DKKD (1280 AM and 95.3 FM)

Sedalia Radio

KDRO (1490 AM)
KSIS (1050 AM)
KSDL (92.1 FM)
KXXK (105.7 FM)

Kansas City TV

KMBC Channel 9 (ABC)
KSHB Channel 41 (NBC)
WDAF Channel 4 (FOX)

Warrensburg Radio

KOKO (1450 AM)
KCMW (90.9 FM)
KWKJ (98.5 FM)

Kansas City Radio

KBEQ (104.3 FM)
KFKF (94.1 FM)
KPRS (103.3 FM)
WDAF (106.5 FM)
KMBZ (980 AM)
KDUL (98.1 FM)

Base members can also tune in to Channel 99 on base, visit <http://www.whiteman.af.mil> or call the Straight Talk Line at 687-NEWS (6397).



Tech. Sgt. Thomas Hails, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, inspects the hydraulics on a snow plow blade. Large snow plows, like this one, are used for runway snow removal.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Neo Martin

Team Whiteman Community

Events page available on the Web

The 509th Communications Squadron Network Control Center has posted an events bulletin on the Web at <https://intranet/509BW/Events-Board/bulletin.asp>.

Team Whiteman members can post base events and information on the page by contacting their unit's point of contact listed on <https://intranet/509BW/Events-Board/bulletin.asp>.

ALS class 06-B graduation dinner

The Whiteman Airman Leadership School Class 06-B's graduation ceremony will be 6 p.m. Dec. 16 at Mission's End.

The social begins at 5:30 p.m. and the guest speaker is the U.S. Strategic Command, Command First Sergeant, Chief Master Sergeant Mark Clark.

The graduation menu will be mixed greens with ranch dressing, London broil with bordelaise, rustic mashed potatoes, glazed carrots and mini French silk pies.

The cost is \$15.95 for members and \$17.95 for non-mem-

bers.

The uniform is mess dress/semi-formal for military and coat and tie for civilians.

Please see a member of class 06-B to sign up. Join us in celebrating class 06-B's accomplishments!

Volunteer Dental Assistant Program

The Whiteman dental clinic is accepting volunteers for the next dental assisting volunteer program class starting Jan. 17.

This is a great opportunity to get no cost training in a rewarding field.

For more details, contact Master Sgt. April Sanders, or Tech. Sgt. Lorrin Savage, 509th Medical Operations Squadron, at 687-2201.

WESC meeting set

The Whiteman Enlisted Spouses' Club will have a meeting 7 p.m. today at the family support center. Snacks and childcare will be provided. Please bring a small gift for a game.

R.S.V.P. child care needs to Jennifer Phillips at 563-4091 or e-mail wescnews@charter.net.

WOSC meeting set

The Whiteman Officers' Spouses' Club will hold its

monthly social 6:30 p.m. Dec. 15 at the Warrensburg community center.

Supplies will be provided to make handcrafted cards, and there will be dessert.

Please bring an item or \$5 to donate to the Missouri Girls' Town, this month charity group.

R.S.V.P. Bobbie Irmischer at 429-6578 by noon Sunday.

Hearts Apart holiday party

There will be a Hearts Apart holiday party 1-3 p.m. Saturday in the family support center.

This holiday party will include games, crafts and refreshments and a visit from Santa Claus.

The Hearts Apart parties are for the families of deployed members or those serving a remote assignment.

R.S.V.P. the family support center at 687-7132.

Special holiday Chapel services and activities

Protestant:

Dec. 18 — Caroling

Dec. 24 — Christmas Eve candlelight service at 7 p.m.

Dec. 25 — Christmas service at 11 a.m.

Catholic:

Dec. 24 — Christmas Eve service at 5 p.m.

Dec. 25 — Christmas service 9 a.m.

Around the World in 80 Days

By Capt. Tony Wickman

Alaskan Command Public Affairs

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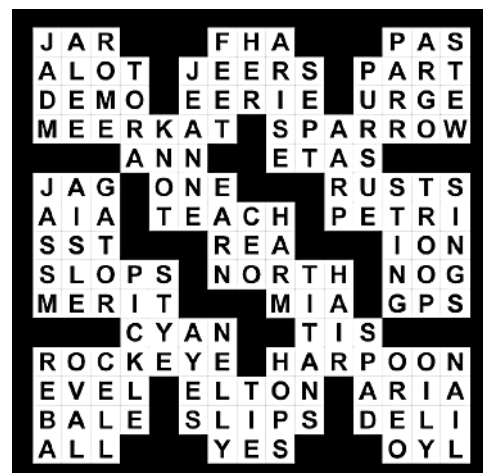
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- Middle East country
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- Golf prop
- Diminutive
- Agent provocateur

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Dec. 2 answers

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- Wasp
- Cat ____ Hot Tin Roof
- Road material
- In the distance
- Country host to Ramstein AB
- Hearing aid
- Country home to Moron AB
- F-14 plane
- Javelin
- Hall of Fame Hank
- Snorts
- Trickle
- Simple
- Crime scene evidence
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Sports & Recreation

Outdoor Recreation

Overtime rock climbing

The rock climbing wall will be available for certified climbers to use 5:30-9 p.m. Dec. 16. A free certification class for new climbers will take place 6-8 p.m.

5th annual Polar Bear Fishing Classic

Join outdoor recreation for the Polar Bear Fishing Classic at the base lake. Fish 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, prizes will be awarded for the top three fish in over 18 and under 18 age categories. Dress warmly. Hot drinks will be provided at the lake.

Fitness Center

Fitness classes

Need a little extra motivation in the gym? Try one of the fitness center's free classes. Taking part with other people will encourage you to workout even harder. Classes include pilates, kick-boxing, extreme fitness and spinning. Stop by the fitness center for a schedule.

Food & Fun

Royal Oaks

Holiday sale

Eat lunch at the Royal Oaks club house and save 10 percent on pro shop purchases or 50 percent on any pair of shoes in stock. The sale runs through Dec. 23.

Breakfast at the golf club

The Royal Oaks is the perfect venue for those early meetings with great breakfast choices offered 7-10 a.m. daily. The menu includes breakfast sandwiches, burritos and a big breakfast of bacon/ham, eggs, toast and hash browns.

Duffer's Grill

The grill at Royal Oaks is open 11 a.m.-1 p.m. for hot and cold sandwiches with a great choice of meats, cheeses and breads. There's also the daily special, grilled burgers and chicken breast.

Mission's End



Information and Tickets

Entertainment coupon books

Coupon books for Kansas City and Branson, Mo., are now available from tickets and travel. The books cost \$25 each and offer great savings and discounts on restaurants, museums and activities. Stop by the new location in the outdoor recreation facility.

Great American race weekend

Discount tickets available to the Hershey's Kissables 300 on Feb. 18, and Daytona 500 on Feb. 19. Packages start at \$102.25 with Nextel* Fanzone passes available for \$75. Tickets available now through Dec. 23. Stop by for more details.

Get your kicks in '06

Whiteman is sponsoring a Wild West themed family New Year's Eve party. The fun starts at 12:30 p.m. Dec. 31 at the fitness center and ends with a disk jockey, dancing, food and games at Mission's End at 7 p.m. until the countdown to midnight East Coast Time. Enjoy a lip sync competition, build-a-float and party games such as pin the badge on the sheriff and needle in a haystack. Food is provided throughout the day with plenty of activities for children of all ages. Wristbands provide entry to the whole day's festivities and may be purchased for \$5 at Mission's End, Stars & Strikes Fitness Center, Youth Center, Child Development Center, Community Center and the Whiteman Inn.

Movie Schedule

Friday

North Country 7 p.m. R
 Starring-Charlize Theron and Frances MC Dorman

Saturday

Doom 7 p.m. R
 Starring-Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson and Karl Urban

Sunday

The Fog 5 p.m. PG-13
 Starring-Selma Blair, Tom Welling and De Roy Davis

Adults: \$3.50 Children: \$1.75
 Movie Recording Line: 687-5110

Movies subject to change due to availability. For current and future movie listings log on to
<http://www.aafes.com/ems/conus/whiteman.htm>.

Community Activities

Arts and Crafts Center

Decoupage Class

Try out decoupage at a two-session class at the arts and crafts center, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Dec. 20. The \$10 cost includes supplies. Sign up by noon Monday.

Scrapbooking

Get started with a new hobby or pick up inspiring ideas at the next scrapbooking class, 1-3 p.m. Dec. 20 at the arts and crafts center. The class costs \$10 plus supplies. Sign up by noon the day prior.

Family Child Care

Base residents

Quality child care for military families is an important concern. Guidelines in Air Force Instruction 34-276, Family Child Care Programs, requires anyone providing in-home child care for 10 hours or more a week on a regular basis to be licensed. If you are currently unlicensed, you must cease care and apply for a family child care license. Call for more details.

Child Development Center

Drop-in care

The child development center can provide drop-in child care for all ages on a space available basis for \$3 per hour.

Child care and program places

The Tuesday and Thursday morning developmental enrichment pre-school program has openings for 3 to 5-year-olds. There are also several openings for full-time care for 3 to 5-year-olds. Contact the child development center for more details.

Youth Center

Pre-teen scene holiday dance

Dance the night away at the pre-teen scene holiday dance. The dance for 10 to 12-year-olds takes place 6-9 p.m. Saturday at the youth center. The cost is \$3 for members and \$4 for nonmembers.

Teen Center

Weekly activities

From web design to mural painting, writing outstanding job applications to promoting activities, there's something for every 13 to 18-year-old at the teen center's free

evening activities, Monday through Thursday. Contact teen center for details.

Ski and snow-boarding trip

Take a trip to Snow Creek with the teen center for a day's skiing or snowboarding. All experience levels are catered for. The group will leave at 9 a.m. Dec. 27 and spend the night at Fort Leavenworth before returning by 2 p.m. Dec. 28. The trip costs \$20, extra money will be needed for snacks. Spots are limited so sign up early.

Community Center

Numbers and shapes

Come in from the cold and enjoy a fun afternoon learning about numbers and shapes at the community center. This special activity for 5- to 13-year-olds takes place 12:30-2 p.m. Saturday. The cost is \$2 and a non-perishable food item for the Whiteman AFB food pantry.

Christmas tree contest

Get a chance to win a fabulous Christmas basket full of holiday treats by calling the community center and entering your workplace tree into one of the following categories: traditional, one-of-a-kind, military, most elaborate and most pitiful. Enter by today, judges will visit your workplace with judging completed by Dec. 15.

Library

Story time

Story time for pre-schoolers takes place every Wednesday at 10 a.m. your 3 to 5-year-olds can listen to a story or take part in a craft activity at the library. There is also the library's dial-a-story program with a new story every week. Available 24 hours-a-day by calling 687-6255.

Auto-repair database

Take care of your vehicle this winter. The library has access to more than 150 easy-to-read, illustrated auto-repair manuals and 56,000 Technical Service Bulletins covering every major manufacturer of domestic and imported vehicles as far back as 1954. Contact the library for more information.

Veterinary Clinic

Holiday tips

Make sure Christmas trees are well secured. Owners of tree-climbing cats or waggy-tailed dogs should secure the top of their tree to the wall or ceiling with cord or rope. Preservative, sugar or aspirin in tree stand water can cause gastric upset in pets so ensure that pets do not have access to the tree's water supply.

Sports at Mission's End

College Football

Saturdays noon-6 p.m.

Sunday Ticket Football

11am-6pm. Club members only.

Giveaways, prizes and a chance to attend the Super Bowl or a Monday Night Football Game!

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